Mr. R. M. Statham: I was not aware that Sunday was a working day formerly. Personally I have no objection to make it a working day.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know from the member ... ...

President: You have already exhausted your chance. Unless it is a very important question, I cannot allow.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: With regard to New Moon the Director said that teachers were allowed to take casual leave or late leave for one hour. What about students who have to perform the religious function ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: They take leave in the ordinary way.

Rebuilding the Government English Middle School at Perumbavoor.

19. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by them for improving and rebuilding the Government English Middle School at Perumbavoor ; and, if so, when the amount was sanctioned and why the work was not undertaken ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: The answer is in the negative. The latter part of the question does not therefore arise.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether he has inspected the present school building at Perumbavoor ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: No.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether he has not inspected the English High School at Perumbavoour ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: I have visited Perumbavoor in my capacity as the Chairman of the Education Reforms Committee, but not as the Director of Public Instruction. So, I have not seen either of the schools.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know what is the distance between the English Middle School and the English High School at Perumbavoor ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: I am not quite sure, I think it is one and half miles.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the member be pleased to inspect the school at an early date ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: I will, as soon as the Council Session is finished.

(The President called Mr. J. John Kattakayam to put his question.)

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Mr. J. John Kattakayam (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): സർ, ഉത്തരം മലയാളത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

President: The proceedings are in English and so the Government member will read the answer in English.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, a point of order. For members who do not know English, is it not necessary to give them an interpreter if the official members are going to answer in English?

President: It is nowhere so laid down.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഞാൻ ചോദ്യം പിൻവലിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

President: That is left to him. So all questions are withdrawn?

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: മലയാളത്തിൽ ഉത്തരംകിട്ടാത്ത ചോദ്യങ്ങളെ എല്ലാം ഞാൻ പിൻവലിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

President: It is nowhere laid down in the Rules. You can ask for an amendment of the Rules. The President allows to talk in Malayalam if he thinks fit. In the Rules there is no provision that the Government member should answer in Malayalam.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: If the member so desires can he not keep an interpreter by his side?

President: Well, there is not the least objection.

Construction of a channel on the western side of the Kottukal Ela.

20. * **Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimate for the construction of a channel on the western side of the Kottukal Ela, Neyyattinkara, has been prepared and, if so, when?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Enigneer*): It is under preparation.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether the estimate has been sanctioned?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It has not been sanctioned. It is under preparation.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: What is the delay in the preparation of the estimate?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: There is not any delay.

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